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Roadmap to Wildlife Conservation
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to come out with a new 14 year roadmap to strengthen measures for wildlife conservation in the country;
(b) if so, the details and salient features thereof;
(c) whether the action plan would include increase in the number of protected area and management through high tech surveillance like drones and centralized web based digital equipment and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether the said roadmap, National Wildlife Action Plan 2017-31 has been finalised after consulting States and other stakeholders, including conservationists and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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(a), (b) and (c) The Group constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for formulation of the National Wildlife Action Plan (2017-2031) has submitted its report. The proposed Action Plan includes the following chapters:
i. Strengthening and Improving the Protected Area Network
ii. Landscape Level Approach for Wildlife Conservation
iii. Conservation of Threatened Species
iv. Conservation of Inland Aquatic Ecosystems
v. Conservation of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems
vi. Integrating Climate Change in Wildlife Planning
vii. Control of Poaching and Illegal Trade in Wildlife
viii. Wildlife Health
ix. Mitigation of Human-Wildlife Conflict
x. Management of Tourism in Wildlife Areas
xi. People's Participation in Wildlife Conservation
xii. Conservation Awareness and Outreach
xiii. Development of Human Resources
xiv. Strengthening Research and Monitoring
xv. Improving compliances of Domestic Legislations and International Conventions
xvi. Ensuring Sustained Funding for Wildlife Sector
xvii. Integrating National Wildlife Action Plan with other Sectoral Programmes.
The Action Plan has taken into account the outcomes of scientific studies on wildlife management, as published in peer reviewed journals and has indicated actions required and priority project with responsibility and time frame in the chapters. This also includes promotion of use of modern tools for monitoring and surveillance of highly sensitive Tiger Reserves and Protected Areas.

(d) The Group for drafting the National Wildlife Action Plan (2017-2031) consisted of eight non official experts including four members of National Board for Wildlife. The Group interacted with the States in three consultation meetings. The draft was also hosted on the Ministry's website for comments and comments so received have been incorporated appropriately.
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